

# Civic Center Mall:

## El Paseo Pobladores de Los Angeles

### Mall History and Informative Notes

The Civic Center Mall is a park-like garden located in the center of downtown Los Angeles between the County Courthouse and the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, bordered by Hill Street on the east and Grand Avenue on the west.

The mall contains walks surrounded by lawns, ornamental trees and shrubs from around the world. Hundreds of people who work or do business in the surrounding government buildings enjoy daily this beautiful green space.

Though usually referred to as the Civic Center Mall, the official name is EL PASEO DE LOS POBLADORES DE LOS ANGELES, which means The Walk of the First Settlers of Los Angeles. The mall was named in honor of the forty-four settlers from Mexico led by Felipe de Neve who founded Los Angeles on September 4, 1781.

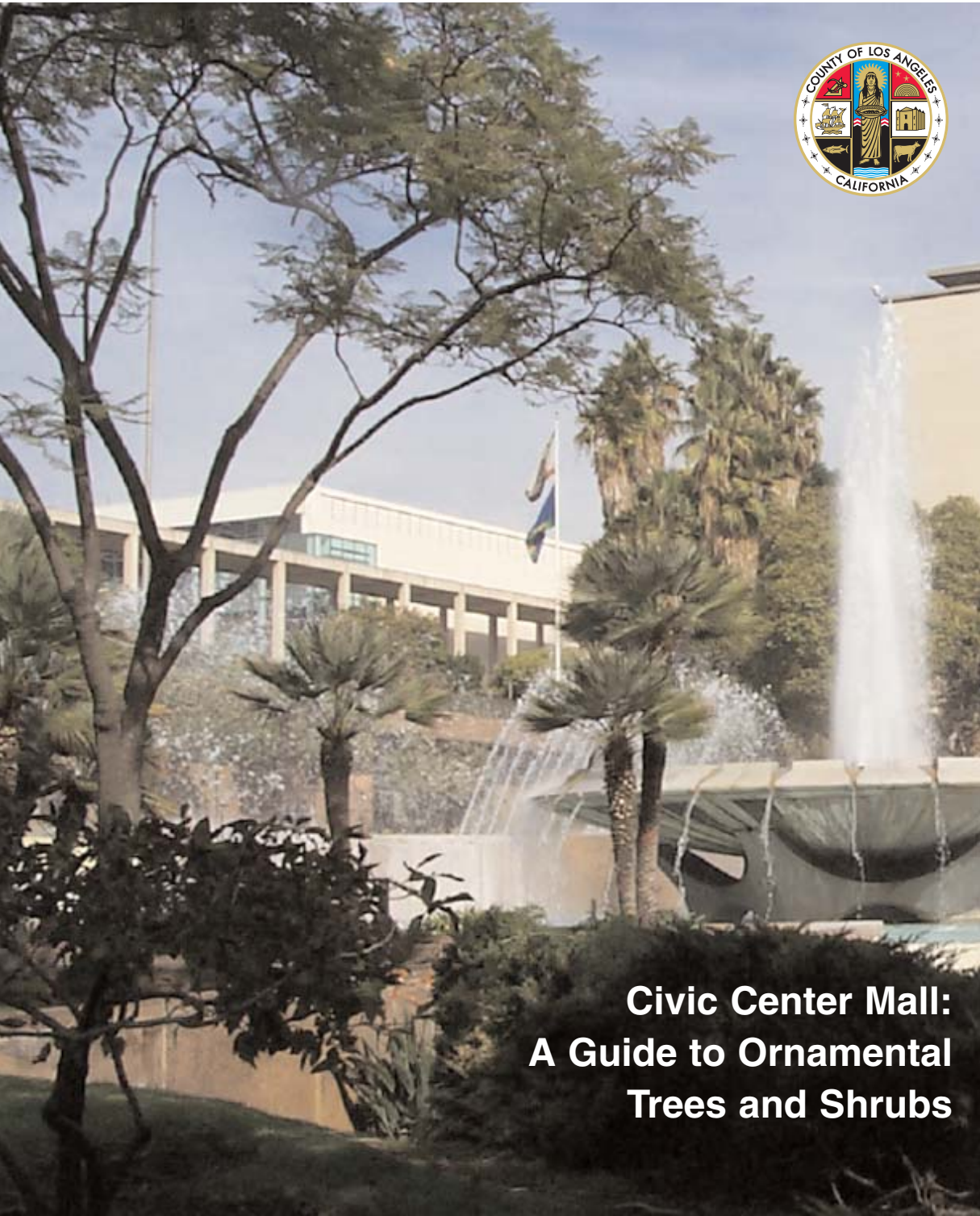
The mall and the lighted fountain were dedicated to the citizens of Los Angeles County by the Board of Supervisors on May 18, 1966. The graceful fountain is named the Arthur J. Will Fountain in honor of Los Angeles County's chief administrative officer from 1951 to 1957.

Together the fountain and the pool occupy 19,180 square feet and hold 110,000 gallons of water which is continually recycled for conservation purposes. The mall itself rests on a reinforced concrete structure of 450,000 square feet which provides two levels of underground parking for approximately 1,300 vehicles. Spiral ramps located on Hill Street and Grand Avenue give parking access to employees and visitors. Elevators and escalators bring mall patrons to the garden level. Benches are provided for the convenience of visitors, and restrooms are available inside the Hall of Administration.

Please visit the mall often and enjoy this hidden garden of downtown. We hope this brochure and map enhance your enjoyment of the Los Angeles Civic Center Mall whether you are a visitor or a resident of Los Angeles County.

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**Civic Center Mall:  
A Guide to Ornamental  
Trees and Shrubs**

How to Use Your Guide

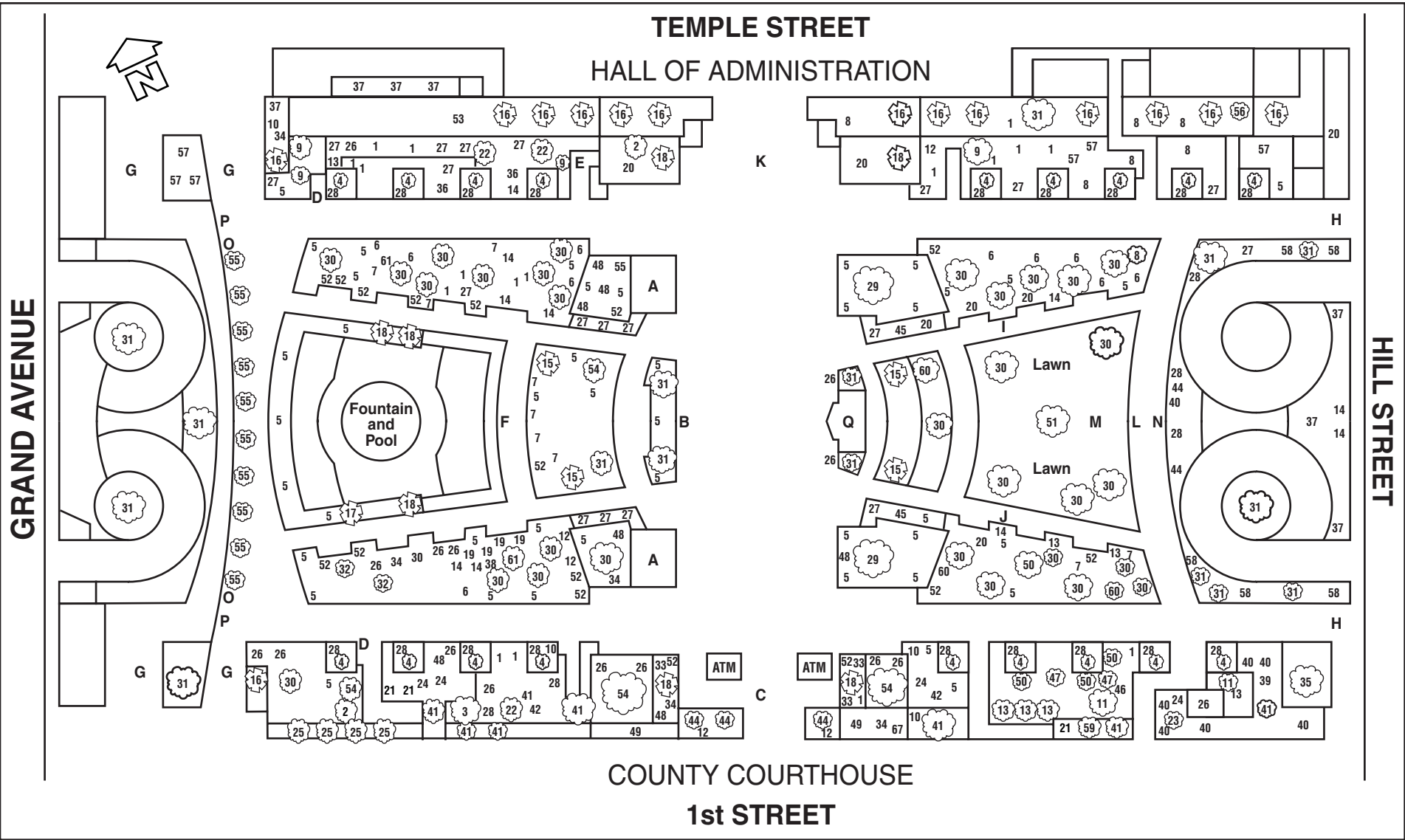
The **numbers** on the map refer to the many varieties of trees and shrubs listed below that are found in the mall garden. Scientific names of the plants are listed first, followed by the common name and origin, if known.

The **letters** on the map refer to special features and public services found in the mall garden.

*Note: The map is not drawn to scale.*

Plant Guide

- 1. HIBISCUS ROSA-SINENSIS (Chinese Hibiscus) - TROPICS
- 2. ERYTHRINA CORALLOIDES (Naked Coral Tree) - MEXICO
- 3. CHORISIA SPECIOSA (Floss-Silk Tree) - BRAZIL
- 4. MELALEUCA QUINQUENERVIA (Paperbark Tree)
- 5. AGAPANTHUS (Lily of the Nile) - AFRICA
- 6. MAGNOLIA X SOULANGIANA (Saucer Magnolia) - ASIA
- 7. JASMINUM
- 8. JUNIPERUS CHINENSIS - CHINA
- 9. CASSIA EXCELSA (Crown of Gold Tree)
- 10. CLIVIA MINIATA (Kafir Lily) - SOUTH AFRICA
- 11. PITTOSPORUM UNDULATUM (Victorian Box) - AUSTRALIA
- 12. PITTOSPORUM TOBIRA (Tobira) - CHINA, JAPAN
- 13. PITTOSPORUM PHILLYRAEOIDES (Willow Pittosporum)
- 14. JUNIPERUS SCOPULORUM (Colorado Red Cedar) - CANADA & U.S.A.
- 15. ARCHONTOPHOENIX CUNNINGHAMIANA (King Palm)
- 16. WASHINGTONIA ROBUSTA (Mexican Fan Palm) -MEXICO
- 17. PHOENIX RECLINATA (Senegal Date Palm) - NORTH AFRICA
- 18. CHAMAEROPS HUMILIS (Mediterranean Fan Palm) - EUROPE
- 19. CAMELLIA SASANQUA - EASTERN & SOUTHERN ASIA
- 20. JUNIPERUS SABINA cv Tamarishi Folia (Tam Juniper) - EUROPE
- 21. MAHONIA LOMARIIFOLIA - ASIA
- 22. GINKGO BILOBA (Maidenhair Tree) - NORTHERN CHINA
- 23. BAUHINIA BLAKEANE (Hong Kong Orchid Tree) - ASIA
- 24. CAMELLIA JAPONICA - EASTERN & SOUTHERN ASIA
- 25. FICUS RETUSA cv. Nitida (Ornamental Fig) - INDIA & MALAYA
- 26. STRELITZA REGINAE (Bird of Paradise) - SOUTH AFRICA
- 27. RHAPHIOLEPSIS INDICA (India Hawthorn) - CHINA & JAPAN
- 28. HEDERA HELIX (English Ivy)
- 29. FICUS RUBIGINOSA (Rusty Leaf Fig)
- 30. JACARANDA MIMOSIFOLIA - SOUTH AMERICA
- 31. EUCALYPTUS MACULATA (Spotted Gum) - AUSTRALIA
- 32. BRACHYCHITON POPULNEUS (Bottle Tree)
- 33. AGAVE ATTENUATA (Century plant) - MEXICO (Arid & Semi Arid Regions)
- 34. STRELITZIA NICOLAI (Bird of Paradise Tree, Wild Banana) - SOUTH AFRICA
- 35. FICUS RETUSA (Indian Laurel Fig) - INDIA & MALAYA
- 36. LAGERSTROEMIA INDICA (Crape Myrtle) - CHINA
- 37. CALLISTEMON PHOENICEUS (Fiery Bottlebrush) - AUSTRALIA
- 38. JUNIPERUS HORIZONTALIS cv Bar Harbor
- 39. XYLOSMA CONGESTUM - CHINA
- 40. COCCULUS LAURIFOLIUS - HIMALAYAS
- 41. TUPIDANTHUS CALYPTRATUS - INDIA TO CAMBODIA
- 42. ACANTHUS MOLLIS (Bear's Breeches) - SOUTHERN EUROPE
- 43. BAMBUSA OLDHAMII (Oldham Bamboo)
- 44. LIQUIDAMBAR STYRACIFLUA (American Sweet Gum) - SOUTHEAST ASIA
- 45. PHILODENDRON EICHLERI - BRAZIL
- 46. CIBOTIUM CHAMISSOI (Hawaiian Tree Fern) - HAWAII
- 47. BETULA ALBA (Birch Tree)



- 48. PHILODENDRON X EVANSII - TROPICS
- 49. PHILODENDRON cv Sao Paulo - TROPICS
- 50. PYRUS CALLERYANA (Flowering Pear)
- 51. PINUS BRUTIA (P. Halepensis brutia, Calabrian Pine) - MEDITERRANEAN, SOUTHERN RUSSIA & ITALY
- 52. BOUGAINVILLEA cv. Crimson Jewel - SOUTH AMERICA
- 53. HYMENOSPORUM FLARUM (Sweetshade) - AUSTRALIA
- 54. ERYTHRINA CAFFRA (Kaffirboom) - AFRICA
- 55. NERIU OLEANDER (Common Oleander) - MEDITERRANEAN
- 56. MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA (Southern Magnolia)
- 57. CALLIANDRAHAEMATOCEPHALA (Red Powder Puff) - BOLIVIA
- 58. VIBURNUM TINUS (Viburnum)
- 59. SCHINUS MOLLE (California Pepper Tree)
- 60. SCHINUS TEREBINTHIFOLIUS (Brazilian Pepper Tree)

Special Features

- A. Escalators (Entry to and exit from underground parking)
- B. Plaque: Remembrance of Genocide in the Ukraine
- C. County Courthouse (Second Floor Entry)
- D. Drinking Fountains
- E. Elevator (Entry to and exit from underground parking)
- F. Plaque: Arthur J. Will Memorial Fountain
- G. Grand Avenue (Entry to and exit from)
- H. Hill Street (Entry to and exit from)
- I. Statue: George Washington
- J. Statue: Christopher Columbus
- K. Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration (2nd Floor Entry)
- L. Plaque: POW-MIA (Prisoner of War-Missing In Action)

- M. MIA Flag
- N. Plaque: Honoring Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- O. Plaque: Route of the Settlers of the City of Los Angeles
- P. Pedestrian Tunnels to Music Center
- Q. Sandwich Shop

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